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(57) Abstract: A formulation, especially a pharmaceutical formulation, comprises an active agent and a carrier for the active agent, wherein the carrier comprises a  $\beta$ -limit dextrin. The formulation may be a bioadhesive pharmaceutical formulation in which the  $\beta$ -limit dextrin acts as a mucoadhesive agent. The active agent is a pharmaceutically active agent or a flavour or fragrance which is intended for delivery into the buccal cavity. A use of  $\beta$ -limit dextrin as a disintegrant, a dispersant, and a mucoadhesive agent is also described. Also described is a nutritional product such as an energy drink which includes  $\beta$ -limit dextrin as an energy source.